

Remarks

Claims 1-2, 6-9, 13-14, and 16-19 are now pending in this application for which applicants seek reconsideration.

Amendment

Claims 1-2 and 8-9 have been amended, and new claims 16-19 have been added. Additionally, claims 3-5, 10-12, and 15 have been cancelled, and claims 6, 7, 13, and 14 remain unchanged. Support for the amended and new claims can be found at least on page 18, line 15 to page 21, line 7. Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced.

Art Rejection

Claims 1-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Kao et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,901,067 ("Kao.") While applicant does not agree with the examiner's reasons for rejecting these claims based on Kao, applicants have amended the claims in order to overcome the examiner's objections.

Claim 1 now includes the following features: an information processing apparatus having a plurality of functions and connected with an external apparatus via a network; a generating unit that generates a file including first information that causes a display unit of the external apparatus to display power status information of the plurality of functions and second information that causes the display unit to display setting information for setting at least power status of the plurality of functions; a transmission unit that transmits the file generated by said generating unit to the external apparatus; a receiving unit that receives information indicating at least one function selected from the plurality of functions via the setting information displayed by the display unit based on the second information; and a power supply control unit that controls power supply relating to the at least one function indicated by the received information. Applicant submits that Kao does not and would not teach the features of claim 1.

Kao discloses a system 30 comprised of a plurality of computer and computer peripheral devices such as a printer, a facsimile machine, and a copier (FIGs. 2-5.) Further, Kao discloses a switch box 68 for switching the destination of the electric power supplied to the computer, the printer, the facsimile machine, and the copier. The switch box 68 receives switching control signals from a controller 50 along a control signal path 70 (col. 5, lines 45-50, and FIG. 9.)

Hence, Kao merely discloses switching the destination of the electric power based on the switching control signals, and fails to disclose generating the file for controlling the contents displayed on the display unit of the external apparatus and then transmitting the generated file to the external apparatus. Therefore, Kao fails to neither disclose nor suggest "a generating unit," "a transmission unit," and "a receiving unit" as disclosed in the amended claims.

Applicant submits that claim 8, as amended, is a method corresponding to the apparatus of claim 1. Similarly, Kao fails to neither disclose nor suggest "a generating unit," "a transmission unit," and "a receiving unit" as disclosed in the amended claims. Applicants further submit that claims 2 and 9 are amended in a similar manner as claims 1 and 8.

Applicant submits that Kao does not disclose elements of new claims 16-19. Namely, Kao does not disclose nor suggest the receiving unit or the transmission unit, nor does it disclose or suggest generating a file as previously discussed, or generating that file in a markup language.

Furthermore, applicant submits that the present invention as described in the amended and new claims is not anticipated by Kao, nor would it ever be rendered obvious in light of Kao.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that claims 1-2, 6-9, 13-14, and 16-19 patentably distinguish over the applied references and are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicants urge the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

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